

**Testimony for the Committee on Energy and Technology**

***In Support of***  
**H.B. No. 7156 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY DERIVED  
FROM OFFSHORE WIND**

***and In Support of***  
**S.B. No. 875 AN ACT EXPANDING CONNECTICUT'S OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY  
PORTFOLIO**

Submitted by Janet Bellamy  
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Dear Co-Chairs Needleman and Arconti, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. No. 7156, An Act Concerning the Procurement Of Energy Derived From Offshore Wind and S.B. No. 875 An Act Expanding Connecticut's Offshore Wind Energy Portfolio.

In 2018 the General Assembly approved, with large bipartisan majorities, climate and energy bills setting aggressive targets for both greenhouse gas emissions reductions (45% reduction from 2001 to 2030) and renewable energy (40% by 2030). This year, governor Lamont has called for Connecticut becoming carbon neutral with 100% renewable power by 2050.

Reducing our carbon footprint is, I believe, the most important challenge before us. I support the additional renewable energy sources as both beneficial for the environment and as a source of good jobs for our citizens.

I urge to to support HB 7156 and SB 875 and to amend it to make a mandate requiring DEEP to procure 2000 MW by 2030 and to require environmental protections using best management practices to minimize and mitigate impact on wildlife, natural resources and ecosystems.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on these bills.

Sincerely,

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